

**BI-DIRECTIONAL CATHETER ASSEMBLY AND METHOD THEREFOR**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

- A catheter assembly includes a catheter body and housing attached to the
- 5    catheter body proximal end, where an actuator lumen extends through the catheter body. A flexible element extends from an actuator member within the housing through the actuator lumen to a deflectable distal end. A first tubular support is provided that is coupled to the flexible element. A second tubular support is coupled with the first tubular support and slidably coupled to the flexible element.
- 10   In one option, the first tubular support and second tubular support constrain lateral movement of the flexible element when the catheter assembly is operated.